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NOBLE RULER REPORT

Greetings from Maryville! It has been a busy and eventful fall semester here, so I'll try to catch all of you up on what has been happening with our chapter. The first thing that comes to my mind is that we have reached our goal to fill the entire chapter house! Thanks to a strong recruiting class last year we have 34 members in house bringing us to a total of 49 members with this fall's recruiting class. Speaking of which, 13 new members were recruited this fall, all of whom show great promise in becoming life-long contributors to Alpha Gamma Rho. To start off this fall, brothers Matt Marriott and Nathan Swisher attended the National Convention in St. Louis. During work weekend the remaining rooms were remodeled, and updated air conditioners were installed. A big thanks goes to the hardworking members who pitched in and the many hours invested by our adviser, Dick Blackburn. Other improvements include the signs in the front yard being repainted.

Continuing on, we had another very successful homecoming where we earned 1st place in Highly Competitive Big Float, 2nd place in Skit and 3rd place in Mini Float. It took a lot of time, hard work and late nights, but the members who helped are greatly appreciated. This November Beta Rho once again helped the Golden Hills Senior Cen-



Dan Temeyer



Beta Rho won first place in Highly Competitive Big Float at Homecoming 2010, among other awards received.



ter with their Thanksgiving Dinner. We also celebrated our 20th Anniversary Founder's Day is on Dec. 4 in Maryville. In February we will host our annual Steer Show.

On a different note, three of Beta Rho's highly valuable and contributing members are graduating in December. Brady Miller, Chester Greub, and Jordan Harmon are continuing on with their lives, and we all wish them the best of luck and our sincerest thanks for all that they have done for this chapter. Be sure to read the biographies their little brothers wrote about them in this Crescent.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me out as Beta Rho's Noble Ruler over the past year. It was an intimidating experience at first, but it was by far the best learn-

ing experience of my life thus far. I have greatly enjoyed being the representative of the fine young men here. I wish the next executive board the best of luck and have trust in them that they will continue to build Beta Rho into a premier fraternity. I hope you've all had a great Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
Dan Temeyer
Noble Ruler

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ADVISER REPORT

In a recent conversation with the Noble Ruler he asked a question that I think applies to each of us. The question was pretty simple: Why do I remain involved in AGR when I don't have to? Why put up with the work, challenges and nonsense that sometimes come with the task?

When first challenged with this question my only reply was, "I'll let you know when I figure it out." As I started to ponder his question, I decided I needed to do a little better than that to encourage him knowing that his efforts and those of his peers make our fraternity better in the long run.

Since becoming a member of our chapter everyone stressed that being in AGR was unlike any other club or group. It meant more than just joining a group of like-minded individuals from similar backgrounds. We were all challenged to do what we could to make the Fraternity better for both ourselves and future generations. By putting forth the effort, all of us were rewarded academically, professionally and/or personally.

Remaining involved for me is an attempt to give back to AGR what it has given me. I would have gotten through college on my own for better or for worse. I'd be employed today. I would've made a few friends along the way I'm sure. But when I really look at the relationships I have, the majority come from being an AGR. The old saying that by being Greek, you buy your friends is nonsense, but if that's what we all did I can say I got the better end of the deal.

I'd like to challenge each of you to look back on your days as a collegiate member of the Beta Rho chapter and ask yourselves a few questions. What benefit did you get by being an AGR? At what cost? And would your life be the same today without being an AGR?

If you determine AGR was beneficial to you, I challenge you to give back. There will be times when being an AGR pays dividends, but the way I see it, we reaped the majority of the benefits in our undergraduate years. Being an AGR alumnus is not about what we get; it's about what we can give to make things better for those currently in college and those to come. The task of making our Fraternity great is ours and ours alone.

I would specifically challenge each of you who at your last

meeting as an undergraduate reflected on what AGR meant for you and made a statement to the effect of "I'll continue to be involved as much as I can." A lot of brothers gave that speech and have not been seen or heard from since. If you're one of those brothers I ask you to reconsider and live true to your word. More so, challenge those brothers you're still close with to do the same.

We were the guys in college wondering why we didn't see or hear from alumni. Despite the fact our alumni base is expanding every year, today's undergraduates are still wondering.

If this letter offends any of you, I apologize, as that wasn't my intent. My hope is that it yields positive results for our Fraternity in both the near and long term. Don't forget that whether you're involved a lot, a little or not at all, this is still our Fraternity, and its ultimate success and betterment are our responsibility.

The chapter house is in serious need of repairs to the back steps, and the flat roof needs to be replaced. We would also like to be in a position to accelerate our debt payments and provide assistance to the undergraduate chapter when possible. At current levels of giving, we aren't in a position to retire debt or really help the chapter as much as we'd like. By donating to the Alumni Association, it expands our possibilities and positions us to strengthen our Fraternity.

Please consider a donation to the Beta Rho Alumni Association via the Alumni Pledge Program Form at www.agrbetarho.com. For those of you who have given and continue to give time and/or money, please know the Alumni Association and undergraduate chapter are eternally grateful.

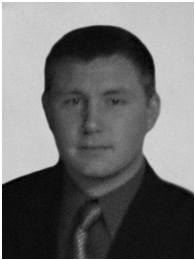
As you will discover in the following pages of the newsletter, the undergraduate chapter continues to be involved at Northwest Missouri State and continues to improve on the rich history we all had a hand in creating. It's time for the Beta Rho alumni to step up and contribute to their efforts and truly elevate our chapter to the upper echelon of the Greek system at our alma mater and in the upper reaches of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity.

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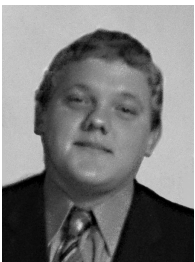
CHESTER GREUB *(Written by little brother Jason Browning)*

Chester is graduating with a double major in Agronomy and Ag Business. Chet has been very involved and a big help to the guys of AGR. He served as Recruitment chair for one year, recruiting the biggest class to date for Beta Rho. He was also second in command his last year of college. Chet was very helpful to me as an incoming freshman. I already knew some guys in AGR, but Chet helped me meet people I didn't know. There have been a lot of good times and positive activities that have happened because of Chet. Currently he is undecided in future plans, but he is currently job hunting and is considering Graduate School.



JORDAN HARMON *(Written by little brother Corbin Lester)*

I have the honor of being Jordan's little brother. He is truly a man to be looked up to. If I ever had any questions, any problems in classes or just needed some advice, I knew I could always go to him to find the answer. Jordan was someone who everyone turned to if they needed anything that involved the Ag department. He was always and will always be very connected to the Ag department along with Alpha Gamma Rho. He will be greatly missed around our chapter. Thank you Jordan for being a great big brother. Good luck in your future adventures.



BRADY MILLER *(Written by little brother Curt Rennison)*

Brady Miller graduates this fall with a degree in Agriculture Business. He served as Noble Ruler his junior year and was VNR Finance as a senior. Brady also served on the philanthropy committee and was chair of the fundraising committee. He has always helped with the steer show concession stand. He has been involved throughout college as an Ag Ambassador. Brady is a person anyone can talk to and get help on any homework they might have. He is always willing to help anyone that needs it. Brady was recently hired by Horizon Equipment as a Precision Agriculture Consultant and will start work in January 2011.

RECRUITMENT REPORT

This fall's recruitment was a very successful period for the Beta Rho chapter. The men of the Beta Rho chapter extended 12 bids after the formal rush period. The following Monday we initiated 13 new members due to a bid that was signed during the previous semester. We would like to formally welcome the following brothers into our chapter: Jeff Bowman, Nick Comer, Brandon Hinck, Will Keech, Bryant Kurtz, Keaton Lundquist, Luke Nissen, Austin Rash, Bryce Sieren, Daniel Smith, Lee Volkens, Wesley Wilson and Matt Woodburn. These new brothers

have already taken very active roles in the chapter and I am personally looking forward to the impact they will have in future years. We are now preparing for upcoming spring recruitment to commence after winter break. Please feel free to contact me if there is anyone the chapter should consider recruiting in the upcoming semester.

Fraternally,
Kyle Strohbahn
VNR Recruitment

UPCOMING EVENTS



Bill Gorrell

Pink Rose will be held at the Ramada Inn in St. Joseph on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 at 6 p.m. There will be an alumni meeting at 2 p.m. Please RSVP to Bill Gorrell by Jan. 12, 2011. To reserve a room, please call the Ramada Inn at (816) 233-6192. Also, if you know of any lost alumni, alumni who have moved recently or alum-

ni who have not been receiving chapter publications, please let me know so I can update our mailing list.

The 20th Anniversary of Founder's Day was held on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 in Maryville. We had a good turnout, and I had the pleasure of meeting many of you. I hope to see the rest of you at Pink Rose!

Fraternally,
Bill Gorrell
VNR Alumni Relations

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RECRUITMENT RECOMMENDATION

Please help us recruit the best of men. If you know someone who would make a good addition to our Fraternity, please let us know so we can contact him and enhance our brotherhood.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone - home: _____ School: _____

Classification/Major: _____

Comments: _____

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